Park Avenue Synagogue Bulletin

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New For You This Fall In The Sherr Institute

Two courses, taught by two distinguished scholars, are offered this Fall in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies.

Dr. Jack Wertheimer, Associate Professor of Jewish History and Director of the Archives of Conservative Judaism at The Jewish Theological Seminary of America, will teach a five session course, "From Pushcart to Paradise—The Saga of American Jewry". This class begins on Thursday, November 6 and continues for five Thursday evenings from 8–9:30.

Professor Dov Noy, Professor of Jewish Folklore at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, has created the field of folklore studies. Currently on sabbatical in Boston, MA, he is the author of numerous books on Jewish legends and the art of folklore. He will teach a two session course—Tuesdays, October 28 and December 9—on "Male and Female in Jewish Folklore".

Also offered in the Sherr Institute are courses in Talmud and the Hebrew Language. Rabbi Wechsler will examine Business Ethics in the Talmud class he conducts on ten Wednesday evenings beginning October 29. Mrs. Vivian Finkel teaches the Hebrew language—beginners, intermediate, advanced—in classes that meet during the day; Nancy Flam teaches a class in Beginners Hebrew and Alan Lew teaches a class in Intermediate Hebrew on Monday evenings beginning October 27 at 8 p.m.

Cantor Mark Kula, Assistant Cantor of Park Avenue Synagogue, will teach a course on "Torah: You, Too, Can Read". On seven Tuesday evenings, beginning October 28 at 8 p.m., Cantor Kula will teach the melodies and techniques necessary for reading the text of the Torah.

There is something of interest to everyone in the Sherr Institute of Adult Jewish Studies. Consult the Institute Brochure. Take a course this year. You will enjoy it.

"L'Shanah Tovah"

May you and those you love
be blessed with good health,
happiness and peace in the
coming year.

CLUB 87—for Jewish single men and women age 21-31—is planning a trip to Israel this Hanukkah. Want more information? Then call Cantor Kula at 369-2600.

Congregation Honors Three Of Its Own During Services On Simhat Torah

Philip Swartz, Hanna Lyttle and Philip Bernstein will be singled out for honor as Hatan Torah, Kallah Mafteret and Hatan Bereshit, on Simhat Torah, Sunday, October 26, 1986.

Mr. Swartz is well known among the congregation as the stalwart guiding light behind the minyan project. It is he who makes sure that there is a minyan every night at 5:45, leading most of the services himself.

Mrs. Lyttle is the immediate past president of Sisterhood. In that role she was instrumental in bringing to the synagogue speakers of importance in the world of politics (Mayor Ed Koch), diplomacy (Ambassador to the United Nations Jeane Kirkpatrick) and literature (author Joan Peters) to name a few.

Mr. Bernstein has spent his professional life serving the American Jewish community. As the chief executive officer of the Council of Jewish Federations for many years he had a great impact on the growth and development of Jewish social outreach.

Services begin at 9:15 a.m. The congregation is cordially invited to attend the kiddush luncheon reception in honor of the honorees immediately following the service on the Lower Level.

The Food Pantry Needs YOU To Support IT!

Every Friday, throughout the year, the Food Pantry distributes packages of food to the hungry poor of our neighborhood.

The success of this project has produced a worrying concern to the High School students who man it: to feed the continuing and growing numbers of people who come to the pantry for help.

The Food Pantry needs all of us to support it, either with a check or with canned or packaged food, or both. Checks should be made out to Park Avenue Synagogue and sent to the synagogue to the attention of The Food Pantry. Nonperishable food, Kosher please, can be left at the Reception Desk.

No one should go hungry in this land of plenty, but it is up to each and every one of us to see that this does not happen.

THE GIFT SHOP

operated by Sisterhood
proceeds benefit Synagogue

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Mondays—Thursdays
11 a.m.—5 p.m.
or by appointment

Shop the Gift Shop FIRST for fine Judaica, handsome gifts, necessities for holiday observance and much, much more . . .

Tenth Anniversary Of Cantor David Lefkowitz Celebrated At Service

This year marks the tenth anniversary of Cantor David Lefkowitz as the Cantor of Park Avenue Synagogue and the Congregation is invited to celebrate with him at the festive Oneg Shabbat which will follow the contemporary liturgical music service, Friday evening, November 14.

Established by the late Hazzan David J. Putterman, this Friday evening liturgical music service has served as the vehicle for contemporary composers to continue to write new music for the liturgy. At this year's service, there will be several premieres of music written expressly for this particular service. Cantor Lefkowitz will also present music by composers who have been closely associated with him throughout his career, his father, Cantor Jacob Lefkowitz, to name one.

Accompanying Cantor Lefkowitz will be the Synagogue Concert Choir under the direction of Abraham Kaplan, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Circle the date on your calendar *now*—Friday, November 14—and plan to join in the celebration with Cantor Lefkowitz and his family and friends.

THE MINYAN NEEDS YOU!

Daily at 5:45 p.m.
Every Thursday at 7:30 a.m.

THE PLACE TO GO

on Wednesday, December 10, 1986
is the annual
SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON

PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE
Agudat Yesharim
50 East 87 Street
New York, N.Y. 10128
Synagogue Office: 369-2600
School Office before 9 A.M.: 831-8686
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The Last Dance

Of all the places to be on Simhat Torah, I suppose that the most invigorating is probably Moscow—a place normally at the bottom of our "must visit" lists. But for many years now Soviet Jews have gathered at the main synagogue, en masse, to dance with the Scrolls of the Torah, to dance with each other, to see and to be seen, on Simhat Torah. Many carry the hope that this year will be their "last dance" in Moscow, for next year they hope to dance in Jerusalem or in Tel Aviv.

Four hundred thousand Jews are waiting to leave the Soviet Union. Last year saw the emigration of perhaps the most prominent, Anatoly Shcharansky, and his articulate reflections upon his prison experience have reminded us of all we have long known about the tyranny of the country from which he came.

Will we forget the others? Everyone knows of the banishment of Sakharov, but who knows about Ida Nudel? She is a thoughtful, articulate woman, banished now to internal exile in a small city where there are relatively few Jews. Worse, though, all the Jews in town have been told that it is in their best interest to pay no attention to her, to make her feel isolated and to increase her suffering for her terrible crime—the "crime" of being a Jew who cares about her Jewish life. All Ida Nudel wants is to go to Israel, to be at home with her people, her future and her ideals. In her place of exile she will be unable to even dance on Simhat Torah as the Jews of Moscow are inexplicably able to do.

Will Ida Nudel be forgotten? Will anyone carry her story to the White House, to the Prime Ministers of Europe and to all the places where, successfully, Avital Shcharansky brought the story of her husband's plight?

Anatoly Shcharansky, known now of course by his Hebrew name Natan, wrote recently that there is a key to Soviet Jewish aliyah. That key, he feels, is an uncompromising attitude toward the Soviet government, an attitude that will end up making it harder for Moscow to keep Soviet Jews locked up than to let them free. An attitude he hopes we will share and which we will communicate to our government in advance of any summit meeting that may occur.

A great hour and a great opportunity may be approaching. The right conditions may jell and we must do all that we can to see that we do our part to help push the Kremlin's hand. The rewards may well be the freedom of masses of our fellow Jews so that this year's dance in Moscow will be the last under tyranny and the beginning of a new chapter in our people's life.

—Harlan J. Wechsler

Schedule of Religious Services

Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday evening, October 3.....5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 4.....8:30 a.m.
Saturday evening, October 4.....5:45 p.m.
Sunday morning, October 5.....8:30 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah Service

Friday evening, October 10.....5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 11.....9:15 a.m.
Bat Mitzvah of Elizabeth Hanau
daughter of Mr. Henry Hanau and Mrs. Marsha Hanau

Yom Kippur Services

Minhah Service, Sunday, October 12.....1:30 p.m.
Kol Nidre, Sunday, October 12 *promptly*.....6:30 p.m.
Yom Kippur, Monday, October 13.....9:00 a.m.
Sermon.....11:30 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service.....3:00 p.m.

Sukkot Services

Friday evening, October 17.....5:45 p.m.
Congregational Dinner in Sukkah
Saturday morning, October 18.....9:15 a.m.
Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Schulhof
son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Schulhof
Saturday evening, October 18.....5:45 p.m.
Sunday morning, October 19.....9:15 a.m.
Kiddush in the Ritter Sukkah after each service

Shemini Atzeret

Friday evening, October 24.....5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 25.....9:15 a.m.
Yizkor Memorial Prayers

Simhat Torah

Saturday evening, October 25.....5:45 p.m.
Saturday morning, October 26.....9:15 a.m.
Honoring Philip Swartz, Hanna Lyttle and Philip Bernstein
Kiddush Luncheon Reception follows service

Rabbis Judah Nadich and Harlan J. Wechsler will preach and conduct the services together with Cantors David Lefkowitz and Mark Kula, Dr. Myles Savitt and the Synagogue Choir with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Babysitting available during High Holy Days and Sukkot. Please consult School Office for times and places for various age groups.

PLEASE HELP US!

The Synagogue Office would like to know if you receive duplicate mailings. If you do, please call and report this fact, giving your name and computer number. The office will do its best to correct the computer.

Thank you!

Keep Us Posted, Please!

The College Liaison Committee needs YOUR help. The Committee would like to continue to keep our college and graduate students informed of events which take place at Park Avenue Synagogue during the school year AND to send them packages at holiday time.

But in order to do this, it needs an up-to-date list of names and addresses which only you, the parents, can provide. The Committee compiles a new mailing list every Fall and so, even if your son or daughter has the same address as last year, please resubmit it.

Send the name(s) and address(es) of your young adult(s) for the current academic year to Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th St., New York, N. Y. 10128, attention: College Liaison Committee.

Thank you.

Schedule of School Services For High Holy Days 1986/5747

Rosh Hashanah
Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5
Ages 4-10 . . . . . 10:45-11:45
Ages 11-13 . . . . . 11:30-12:30
High School 10:30

Kol Nidre
Sunday, October 12
Ages 11-13 . . . . . 6:20-7:30
High School . . . . . 6:20 *promptly*

Yom Kippur
Monday, October 13
Ages 4-10 . . . . . 11:15-12 Noon
Ages 11-13 . . . . . 11:30-12:30
High School 10:30

The High School invites all high school and college age students to attend its Young High Holy Day Service in Room 408.

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Programs For Our Younger Children

Babysitting will be provided on both days of Rosh Hashanah from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Yom Kippur from 11:15 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children ages 2 and 3.

On both days of Rosh Hashanah, a program will be provided for the younger children, ages 4-7, after the Children's Service and until the conclusion of the Adult Service at 1 p.m. On Yom Kippur the same program will be provided from 12 Noon to 1 p.m.

Parents MUST make advance reservations for their children. Please call the School Office by Thursday, September 25 to reserve a place for your children in either or both of these programs.

WEG Members Hold Pot Luck Supper

Women's Evening Group invites its members to a *members only* event—a pot luck supper at the home of Barbara Stevenson on Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

An evening of fun and relaxation, fine food and good conversation, the pot luck supper will be highlighted by a drawing of a name from the names of the new members of the Women's Evening Group who have joined by October 17. The prize is dinner for two at a well known Third Avenue eatery.

Dues for Women's Evening Group are $25 a year. New women members of the congregation may join the Women's Evening Group *gratis* for 1986-87.

For more information about the Women's Evening Group, please call Joann Rosoff, 348-4531, evenings.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE HIGH HOLIDAYS

In Our Homes

Rosh Hashanah is both a solemn and festive occasion. Its joy is spiritually disciplined by the sacred traditions of home and synagogue. Although the observance of the High Holy Days is centered in the synagogue, it is in the home where family members prepare to meet the New Year in a spirit of faith and in a mood conducive to prayer and soul-searching.

White is thought of as the color which symbolizes purity and joy. Thus the table is set with a white tablecloth and flowers, candles and wine. Round *hallot*, symbolizing a full, round year, apples and a dish of honey for a sweet year complete the symbolic representations on the holiday table.

The family gathers together for the lighting of candles and the kiddush which precedes the festive meal on both nights of Rosh Hashanah. The following blessings are recited over the candles (adding the words in parentheses on Friday night):

> Barukh Attah Adonai Eloheinu Melekh Ha-olam, Asher Kid'shanu B'mitzvotav V'tzivanu L'hadlik ner shel [Shabbat v'shel] Yom Tov.
>
> Praised are You, Lord our God, King of the Universe whose mitzvot add holiness to our lives and who gave us the mitzvah to kindle light for [Shabbat and for] the Festival.

In Celebration

After the Rosh Hashanah kiddush, the *Motzi* is recited over the round *hallot*. Then all the members of the family dip the apple in honey and recite the following blessing and prayer:

> Yehi ratzon milefanekhah Adonai Elohaynu ve'Elohay avotaynu, shetehadesh alaynu shanah Tovah umetukah.
>
> May it be Thy will, O Lord our God, to renew unto us a happy and sweet New Year.

After the morning services of Rosh Hashanah, a festive meal is also eaten, preceded by the daytime kiddush and the *Motzi*:

> Tiku vehodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom hagenu, ki hok l'Yisrael hu, mishpat l'elohey Ya'akov.
>
> Barukh Atah Adonai Eloheynu Melekh Ha-Olam, borei pri hagafen.

The Rosh Hashanah greeting is *L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu*—"May you be inscribed for a good year"

Erev Yom Kippur

Yom Kippur is the one religious occasion which is observed entirely in the synagogue, but the meal which precedes the Fast on Erev Yom Kippur is intended to be a spiritual experience for the entire family. The meal is eaten early so that the family can be in synagogue before sundown.

Following the Grace After Meals—*the Birkat haMazon*—the holiday candles are lit and the following blessings are recited:

> Barukh Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam, asher kiddeshanu bemitzvotav vetzianu lehadlik ner shel Yom Ha-Kippurim.
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> Blessed are Thou, O Lord our God, King of the Universe, Who has sanctified us by Thy commandments and has commanded us to kindle the Yom Kippur lights.
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> Barukh Atah Adonai Elohaynu Melekh Ha'olam shehehe-yanu, vekiyemanu, vehigiyanu lazeman hazeh.
>
> Blessed are Thou, O Lord, our God, King of the Universe, Who has kept us in life, preserved us, and enabled us to reach this season.

Fasting

Although children are not obligated to fast until they are bar/bat mitzvah age, it is a tradition that they do observe the fast in part, if they are able.

Self-denial in food and other physical pleasure is part of the tradition of this "Sabbath of Sabbaths". However, Jewish law and tradition state that the maintenance of life and health is a prime religious duty. If a person be ill or weak, it is the obligation of the individual to consult a physician on the wisdom of fasting.

Memorial Lights

It is a custom to light a Memorial Light for the deceased in each family. Memorial lights must be lit before the holiday candles are lit.

Blessing The Children

It is a tradition that before leaving for the Kol Nidre service, parents bless their children by placing their hands on the head of each one. Such blessings are introduced by the following prayer, to which parents can add words of their own, appropriate for the age and needs of each child:

L'Shanah Tovah

May you and those you love be blessed with good health, happiness and peace in the coming year.

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Kol Nidre Appeal 5747/1986

The Officers and Trustees of Park Avenue Synaogue thank their fellow congregants for their generous response to the Kol Nidre Appeal.

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Open Meeting For All Parents Sparks An Education Discussion

Parents Association invites ALL parents of children enrolled in school at Park Avenue Synagogue – either in the Early Childhood Center, the Religious School or the High School – to an open meeting, Wednesday, October 15 at 8 p.m.

Rabbi Harlan J. Wechsler will moderate a panel discussion among Mrs. Edith Paul, Director of the Early Childhood Center, Mrs. Rahel F. Bloch, Principal of the Religious School, and Dr. Livia Straus, Director of the High School, on a continuing burning issue for parents: *Educating Jewish Children Jewishly—Why?*

Parents will be encouraged to join in the discussion of all the aspects of religious education in the intellectual development of children.

Refreshments will be served.

Notes From The Library

THANK YOU Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schneider for your generous contribution which has enabled the Library to purchase new furniture.

The Rothschild Library is open: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-6 p.m.; Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30 p.m. and Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

During the month of October the Library will be closed on Sundays in observance of the holidays.

Welcome to our new Sunday Librarian Rose Rudich, who will be happy to assist you with requests on Sunday mornings throughout the year.

Welcome back to Irma Adler who is in charge of processing new books in the Library and who will be assisting the Librarian, Susan Vogelstein, several days during the week throughout the year.

The Library is open for browsing and borrowing. New additions are added to the shelves daily. Come in, rest, read, borrow a book. The Library has an excellent selection of adult and juvenile books for circulation and a fine reference library for study.

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Dr. Jerald Zimmerman and Ms. Elaine Suchman.

. . . to be continued in next issue . . .

High School Begins Challenging Year of Activity

The High School years at Park Avenue Synagogue are exciting ones for staff and students, with Bar/Bat Mitzvah the entry into this adult mode of Jewish behavior and learning. It should be *THE* most exciting of all the study experiences because it is based upon the choice of the individual student. It is truly a community of consenting adolescents learning together and caring for each other and for the community at large.

Currently the curriculum offers a wide range of choices with courses in ethics, Torah study, Hebrew language and literature. These courses will be expanded on a regular basis to meet the needs of the High School community and to increase familiarity with our ancient and rabbinic texts, our developing Halachic systems and our traditional study methodology. Input into curriculum development is encouraged by the staff of students and parents.

For the last several years, our students, on their own initiative, have developed The Food Pantry which provides for an ongoing communal need by supplying food to the poor in our community. Many of our youth have been active in Project Dorot which sees to the care of the Jewish elderly in the community and, with the encouragement of High School staff member Misha Avramoff, there is an ongoing relationship with Project Ezra which cares for the Jewish elderly poor living on the Lower East Side. These students show a sensitivity and a willingness to share which would make Maimonides glow.

The High School program will be offering class retreats, as well as student/parent lectures and presentations by well-known personalities such as Arthur Kurzweil, author of *My Generation*, and Michael Monson, head of the Jewish Association for College Youth.

This year will see the beginning of an active youth group program in which *all the Park Avenue Synagogue youth*, whether registered in the High School or not, will be invited to participate and to help build.

We will be offering movie nights, a Super dance, planned for January 24, sports nights out, and much more. Watch for Bulletin announcements and *PLEASE JOIN US.* A SHANA TOVA U'METUKAH!

The High School wishes to thank the Fund for Jewish Education, sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Gruss and the United Jewish Appeal, Federation of Jewish Philanthropies of New York, for their continued support for aspects of the High School program at Park Avenue Synagogue.

Parents Association
and the High School Students
cordially invite the Congregation to eat

SUPPER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH

on
Friday, October 17
through
Thursday, October 23
with BRUNCH on Sunday, October 19
co-sponsored by the Early Childhood Center Committee

All reservations prepaid and non-refundable.

In case of rain, supper will be served in the Lemberg Auditorium.

Supper: Adults $17.50 each
Children $12.50 each
(under the age of 13)

Brunch: Adults $7 each
Children $5 each
(under the age of 6)

[Tear off and mail to Sukkah Meals, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87 St., New York, N.Y. 10128 by FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10]

Please check appropriate boxes:

☐ Friday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)
Supper in Sukkah for congregation sponsored by Shabbat Dinner Committe

☐ Saturday, October 18 at 7:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)

☐ Sunday, October 19 at 1 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)
BRUNCH for Early Childhood Center families *ONLY*

☐ Sunday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)
co-sponsored by Young Couples League

☐ Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)

☐ Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)
co-sponsored by Park Avenue Synagogue Singles

☐ Thursday, October 23 at 6:30 p.m. _____ Adults _____ Child(ren)
co-sponsored by Men's Club

Enclosed please find my check, made out to Park Avenue Synagogue, for $ _____ for _____ reservations for _____ adults and _____ children.

Join the committee as they meet to decorate the Ritter Sukkah. The more the merrier! The committee will begin the decorating of the Ritter Sukkah on Thursday, October 16 at 10 a.m. and finish up on Friday morning, October 17. Let us know if we are to expect you.

You may / may not expect us at the Ritter Sukkah decorating party on _____ Thursday, October 16 and/or _____ Friday morning, October 17. Check one or both.

Name _____

Telephone _____ (day) _____ (evening)

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Sisterhood Invites New Members To Attend Luncheon Meeting

Sisterhood invites all new women members of the synagogue to join them for a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 21, beginning at 12 Noon. This is a splendid opportunity for our new members to become acquainted with one another, to meet other Sisterhood members and to learn all about the activities of Sisterhood.

Phyllis Siegel, a vice president of the congregation and long time member of Sisterhood, will speak on "Why Sisterhood?".

An additional treat will be the unusual program offered by pianist Selma Mednikov Pakter, a concert pianist of international reputation who has concertized widely here in the United States and abroad.

Come To Political Showcase Wednesday, October 22

The congregation and community is cordially invited to participate in a Political Showcase on Wednesday, October 22 at 8 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Men's Club and the Young Couples League, the Political Showcase gives all of us an opportunity to learn more about the candidates and their positions on the issues from the candidates—or their designated representatives—themselves.

Every election is important for the well-being of our community. Come to the political showcase for a clarification of issues so that your vote will be an informed one.

JACS Foundation Sponsors Retreat Weekend

The JACS Foundation is sponsoring a Jewish retreat weekend to which recovering alcoholics, chemically dependent persons and significant others are invited to explore values and spiritual resources within Judaism that may support and strengthen their continuing recovery.

The retreat weekend will take place at Chalet Vim in Woodbourne, New York from October 31 to November 2.

Registration is limited and reservations must be received no later than Friday, October 24.

For retreat information, please call Jeff N. at 617-735-9159. General information JACS can be had by calling 212-473-4747 or writing JACS Foundation at the Educational Alliance, 195 East Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10002.

Condolences

Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and to their families:

Mrs. Muriel Bessinger, upon the death of her mother, Syvil Kiefe.

Mrs. Ellen Yuder, upon the death of her husband, Paul.

In Celebration

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For Sons: May God make you a true, faithful and honorable son of Israel as were Ephraim and Menasseh, the sons of Joseph.

For Daughters: May God make you a faithful and honorable daughter of Israel as were our mothers, Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah.

Forgiveness

Also at this time, just before leaving the house to attend the Kol Nidre service, members of the family ask each other for forgiveness for the wrongs or the hurts they have done , knowingly or unknowingly, during the year.

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In Our Synagogue

Sharing The Holidays

It is nice to think of the congregation as our extended family and it is this spirit that the Holiday Sharing Committee is reaching out once again to the congregation and asking members of the congregation to identify themselves to the committee either as wishing to invite a fellow congregant who is alone at holiday time or to be an invitee. A call to the Synagogue Office during business hours, 369-2600, is all that is necessary for you to do. The committee will do the rest.

Shabbat Shuvah

The Sabbath that falls between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is called Shabbat Shuvah from the Haftarah portion of that Shabbat which begins with the word *Shuvah* meaning "return" (repent). At 5 p.m. on Shabbat Shuvah October 11, Rabbi Wechsler will deliver a lecture on "The Laws of Repentance According To Maimonides".

For A Sweeter Year

The Coalition To Free Soviet Jews is seeking the assistance of Jews everywhere in their efforts to gain the release of those Jews who wish to leave the Soviet Union.

As we dip our apple into honey, let us add this new prayer as our thoughts travel the miles to our Soviet brethren.

"May it be Your will to bless Soviet Jews
with the sweetness of freedom."

Celebrating Sukkot

Come and help decorate the Ritter Sukkah! Come when you can. Come with your children/grandchildren. All are welcome to participate in this joyous mitzvah of decorating the Sukkah. Come on Thursday, October 16 any time between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and Friday, October 17, between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Now is also the time to make your reservations to EAT in the Ritter Sukkah. See page 5 for details. As space is limited all reservations will be honored on a first come, first serve basis and will be acknowledged by mail.

Cantor Mark Kula will be pleased to take your order for your purchase of an *Etrog* and *Lulav.* Call him today at the Synagogue office—369-2600.

Panel Discussion Examines Stress Of School Admissions

Parents Association and the Early Childhood Center invite parents to a panel discussion on Tuesday, October 7 at 8 p.m. which will focus on ways to handle the stress experienced by parents as they apply to schools for their children now enrolled in the Early Childhood Center Group IV program.

It has long been known that the process that parents experience in this transition between the Early Childhood Center program at Park Avenue Synagogue and the schools of their choice for their young children can become overwhelming. It is the recognition of these pressures that has led to the development of this panel discussion program.

Dr. Dorothy Denburg, Dean of Freshmen and formerly Associate Dean of Admissions at Barnard College and President of Parents Association, will serve as moderator. Edith Paul, Director of the Early Childhood Center, and Nancy Schulman, Admissions Director for Horace Mann, will serve as panelists.

There will be an extended question and answer period.

PASS Plans for October

Park Avenue Synagogue Singles, for single Jewish men and women age 30-50, plan two events for the month of October.

On Friday night, October 10 at 8:30, PASS will hold their monthly Shabbat Service and Oneg Shabbat. Rabbi Wechsler will join the group and speak on the Sabbath of Repentance.

All singles are cordially invited to eat supper in the Ritter Sukkah on Tuesday, October 21 at 6:30 p.m. Advance reservations are a MUST. Please use the response form found on page 5.

The group welcomes all singles to join them in their activities. Spread the word.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS for OCTOBER, 1986

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**2** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**3** EREV ROSH HASHANAH Synagogue Office closes at 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. **Rosh Hashanah Service.** Light Candles 6:15 p.m.	**4** ROSH HASHANAH First Day 8:30 a.m. **Rosh Hashanah Service** 5:45 p.m. **Rosh Hashanah Service** Light Candles 7:17 p.m.
5 ROSH HASHANAH Second Day 8:30 a.m. **Rosh Hashanah Service** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**6** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**7** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Parents Association Panel Discussion** on Stress of School Admissions on Early Childhood Center parents	**8** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **The Tinok Center** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**9** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**10** SUPPER IN THE RITTER SUKKAH RESERVATIONS DUE TODAY 5:45 p.m. **Friday Night Service** 8:30 p.m. **Park Avenue Synagogue Singles Service** and Oneg Shabbat Light Candles 6:04 p.m.	**11** SHABBAT SHUVAH 9:15 a.m. **Shabbat Service** Bat Mitzvah Elizabeth Hanau 5 p.m. **Shabbat Shuvah Lecture** "The Laws of Repentance according to Maimonides" followed by **Service**
12 EREV YOM KIPPUR 1:30 p.m. **Minhah Service** 6:30 p.m. *promptly* **KOL NIDRE** Light Candles 6:01 p.m.	**13** YOM KIPPUR 9 a.m. **Services until Dusk** with **Sermon** at 11:30 a.m. and **Yizkor** at 3 p.m.	**14** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 12 Noon **Sisterhood Board Meeting** 1:30 p.m. **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8:15 p.m. **Men's Club Board Meeting**	**15** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **The Tinok Center** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Parents Association Open Meeting** Panel Discussion with three heads of schools Moderator: Rabbi Wechsler	**16** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 10 a.m.-4 p.m. **SUKKAH DECORATING PARTY** Everyone invited! 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**17** EREV SUKKOT 10 a.m-1.p.m. **SUKKAH DECORATING PARTY** Everyone invited! Synagogue Office closes at 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. **Services** **Kiddush in Ritter Sukkah** follwed by **Congregational Supper** by advance reservation only Light Candles 5:53 p.m.	**18** 9:15 a.m. SUKKOT: First Day **Services** **Kiddush** in Ritter Sukkah **Bar Mitzvah Jonathan Schulhof** 5:45 p.m. **Services** **Kiddush** in Ritter Sukkah Light Candles 6:55 p.m.
19 SUKKOT: Second Day 1 p.m. **Sunday Brunch** in Ritter Sukkah for Early Childhood Center families *only* Advance reservation required 5:45 p.m. **Services** followed by **Supper** in the Ritter Sukkah co-sponsored by Young Couples League Advance reservation required	**20** SUKKOT: Third Day HOL HaMOED SUKKOT 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Services** followed by **Supper** in Ritter Sukkah Advance reservation required 6:30 p.m. **Women's Evening Group Pot Luck Supper**	**21** SUKKOT: Fourth Day HOL HaMOED SUKKOT 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 12 Noon **Sisterhood Open Meeting** Luncheon in honor of new members 5:45 p.m. **Service** followed by **Supper in Ritter Sukkah** co-sponsored by PASS	**22** SUKKOT: Fifth Day HOL HaMOED SUKKOT 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **The Tinok Center** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Services** followed by **Supper** in Ritter Sukkah for High School Students	**23** SUKKOT: Sixth Day HOL HaMOED SUKKOT 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Service** followed by **Supper in Ritter Sukkah** co-sponsored by Men's Club	**24** HOSHA'NA- RABBAH Synagogue Office closes at 1 p.m. 5:45 p.m. **Service** Light Candles 5:43 p.m.	**25** SHEMINI ATZERET 9:15 a.m. **Service includes Yizkor Memorial Prayers** 5:45 p.m. **Serv.** Light Candles 6:45 p.m
26 SIMHAT TORAH 9:15 a.m. **Service** **Philip Swartz, Hanna Lyttle, Philip Bernstein honored** Kiddush Luncheon Reception follows on Lower Level in honor of honorees 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**27** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Beginners Hebrew** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Synagogue Hebrew**	**28** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1:30 p.m. **Retirees Club** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Male & Female in Jewish Folklore.** **Torah: You Too Can Read**	**29** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Advanced Hebrew** 1:30 p.m. **The Tinok Center** 3:30-6:30 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan** 8 p.m. **Talmud: Business Ethics**	**30** 7:30 a.m. **Morning Minyan** Breakfast served 10:30 a.m. **Intermediate Hebrew II** 11 a.m.-5 p.m. **Gift Shop Open** 1 p.m. **Intermediate Hebrew I** 3-6 p.m. **Library Open** 5:45 p.m. **Daily Minyan**	**31** 5:45 p.m. **Friday Night Service** Light Candles 5:34 p.m.	

Contributions

Book of Remembrance

Mrs. Harriet Weiner, in memory of her father, Abraham Gervirtz; her mother, Ida Gervirtz; her brother, Alan Gervirtz; her husband, Samuel Weiner.

Synagogue Offerings

Dr. Herbert Abrams, in memory of his mother, Ruth Abrams.

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Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Agisim, in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Mr. Harris J. Amster, in honor of his birthday.

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Mrs. Birdie Barlaz, in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Adam Atkin.

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Mr. Philip Bernstein, in memory of his father, Jacob Bernstein.

Mr. Harry Blumenthal, in honor of his birthday.

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Mr. Mark I. Finkelstein, in memory of his sisters, Anna Finkelstein, Mae Berlow and Arline Eisenberg.

Mr. Mark I. Finkelstein, in memory of his father-in-law, Thomas Citron; his mother-in-law, Mary Citron; his brother-in-law, Samuel Citron.

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Mrs. Sylvia E. Press, in memory of Anna and Harry Weiss.

Mrs. David Rapoport, in memory of her husband.

Mr. Jack Resnick, in memory of his brother, Samuel Resnick.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Robbins, in honor of their anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney D. Rosoff, to wish Rosalie Friedman a speedy recovery.

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